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September is Pain Awareness month!

In the News

- [ASPE](#) (American Society of Pain Educators) offers Daily Webcasts and a 'Lesson of the Day' on a new pain management topic everyday in September.
- **New book:** [Pain in Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities](#), edited by Tim Oberlander, M.D., & Frank Symons, PhD, brings together the leading scientists and clinicians in the field in a comprehensive text.

Journal Watch [O=available through Ovid; I=free on the Internet; P=available from Publisher]

- Eisenberg E, E McNicol, DB Carr [Opioids for neuropathic pain](#). *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. 3, 2006. "Short-term studies provide only equivocal evidence regarding the efficacy of opioids in reducing the intensity of neuropathic pain, whereas intermediate-term studies demonstrate significant efficacy of opioids over placebo, which is likely to be clinically important." [O]
- Kwon YD, MH Pittler, E Ernst [Acupuncture for peripheral joint osteoarthritis](#): A systematic review and meta-analysis *Rheumatology* Advance Access published on August 27, 2006 [P]
- Manworren RCB [A Call to action to protect range orders](#): a consensus statement supports this nursing responsibility. *American Journal of Nursing*. 2006 Jul; 106(7): 65-8. [O] "This article will explain the rationale for the JCAHO range order standard and the clinical implications of the three common approaches to addressing range orders." [P]
- Paulozzi LJ, DS Budnitz, Y Xi, [Increasing deaths from opioid analgesics in the United States](#) *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* 15(9): 618-27. **Published Online:** 24 Jul 2006. Abstract only.
- Stillman M [Clinical approach to patients with neuropathic pain](#) *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* Aug 2006 73 (8): 526-739. Neuropathic pain is challenging to treat. New drugs aim at the mechanisms of the pain, but results are still less than desirable. Review article [O]
- Check out the [Special issue](#) of the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* on the state of the art of psychological treatments for persistent pain. (10 articles) Abstracts only. [I]

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Pain Resources on the Web

- New Pain Treatment Topic: [Managing Opioid-induced Constipation in Ambulatory-Care Patients](#) by Goodheart, CR; Stewart B. Leavitt, SB, August 2006.

Pain Education on the Web

- ACGME Competency Project Training Modules [Module 1 - Pain Management](#) from the University of Rochester Medical Center, Center for Palliative Care and Clinical Ethics



Pain-Related Education Opportunities

- Oct 7 (Sat) [Pain Management for Non-Pain Specialist](#) HMS [CME, CE]
- Oct 20-22 (Fri-Sun) [Practical Aspects of Palliative Medicine - Integrating Palliative Care into Clinical Practice](#). Offered by: Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Center for Palliative Care/MGH, DFCI and BWH. Sheraton Boston. Who should attend: nurse practitioner, hospitalist, internist, family practice, geriatrics, oncology. [19.5 hr CME]
- Nov 4 (Fri) [Pain Management in Primary Care](#) Sponsored by The New England Pain Association and Blackwell Futura Media Services. Boston, Radisson Hotel. [7.5 hr. CME]

MGH Pain Calendar

- Sep 13&15 (Wed & Fri - 2 day course) “[Care of the Patient at the End of Life](#)” To register, call 617-726-3111 [CNE]
- **Save the Date!** Mar 15-16 2007 [Pain Relief Champions Course](#), 2007
- *Cancer and Chronic Pain Rounds will alternate meeting on Monday 12noon - 1pm in the Cox 8 Conference Room starting in the fall.*
- **The Pain Rounds for this month are held Mondays 12-1pm in Clinics 8 Conference Room:**
 - Sep 11 “*Case of CRPS, Major Depression & Insurance Carrier Challenges*” Ronald Kulich, M.D
 - Sep 18 “*Managing the Difficulty w/Difficult Pts.*” Josh Wootton, MDiv, PhD
 - Sep 25 *Title TBA* David Slovik, M.D.
- *Palliative Care Grand Rounds are held Wednesdays at 8:00am in the Ether Dome*

Reader Comments Update

- As a result of last month’s question about url’s at the end of the newsletter, only two people asked to keep them so only the general Pain sites relating to MGH will be included.

MGH Pain Resources:

PainRelief web site: <http://www.massgeneral.org/painrelief/>

Previous issues of *Pain Relief Connection*: http://www.massgeneral.org/painrelief/Newsletter/mghpain_connection.htm

Previous Pain Topics articles: http://www.massgeneral.org/painrelief/Pain%20Topics/mghpain_paintopics_index.htm

Patient Care Services Pain Resource Center: http://www.massgeneral.org/pcs/Secure/Clinical_Resources/Pain_Resources.asp

CCPD educational offerings: http://www.massgeneral.org/pcs/CCPD/Educational_Offerings/cpd_offerings_calendar.asp

Treadwell Library (Magic): <http://magic.mgh.harvard.edu/>

MGH Formulary (includes patient teaching handouts in 16 languages): <http://www.crlonline.com/crlsql/servlet/crlonline>

Partners Handbook: <http://is.partners.org/handbook/>

Primary Care Office InSite (PCOI) (Clinician and patient information): http://oi.mgh.harvard.edu/pcoi/frontpage_frames.asp

MESAC intranet site: <http://intranet.massgeneral.org/mesac/index.htm>

MGH Safety reporting System: <http://safety.massgeneral.org>

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